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SUBJECT: IAEA 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: AFTERNOON PLENARY
SESSION, SEPTEMBER 18.

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AMONG MAIN SPEAKERS WERE POLAND,
GDR, ARGENTINA, EGYPT, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, MEXICO, AND
SWEDEN. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. POLAND ECHOED EARLIER SOV STATEMENT THAT NPT
PARTIES SHOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE THROUGH AGENCY. ANNOUNCED ALSO THAT
POLAND WOULD ACT IN CONFORMITY WITH ZANGGER COMMITTEE
DECISIONS. GDR, SPEAKING IN ENGLISH, DESCRIBED NPT
AS "ONE OF TRAIL-BLAZING REALITIES OF ALL TIMES" AND
SAID IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT OTHER NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS
STATES SIGN UP. GDR ALSO ANNOUNCED READINESS TO
JOIN ZANGGER COMMITTEE AGREEMENTS.

3. ARGENTINA PRESENTED DETAILED REVIEW OF DOMESTIC
PROGRAMS IN NUCLEAR ENERGY, STRESSING CAPABILITY FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF AUTONOMOUS CAPABILITY IN FUEL FABRICA-
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TION. SAID AGENCY SHOULD PROVIDE COUNTRIES LIKE

ARGENTINA WITH QUANTITATIVELY HIGH MULTI-YEAR
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.

4. EGYPT PRAISED AGENCY FOR POSITIVE RESPONSE ON ENERGY
CRISIS. UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TO
EGYPT FOR POWER, DESALINATION, AND OTHER APPLICATIONS.
EMPHASIZED EGYPT'S SUPPORT FOR NPT BUT ON CONDITION OF
UNIVERSALITY, CALLING FOR COMPLETE, NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND
FOOLPROOF SYSTEMS OF SAFEGUARDS. STRESSED SAFEGUARDS SHOULD
APPLY TO ALL, REPEAT ALL, NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES OF ALL,
REPEAT ALL, MEMBERS OF AGENCY. MENTIONED IMPORTANCE
TO EGYPT OF AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WITH U.S. FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF 600 MW REACTOR ON MEDITERRANEAN
COAST NEAR ALEXANDRIA AND RELATED TRILATERAL SAFE-
GUARDS AGREEMENT. STATED EGYPT WAS COOPERATING WITH
IRAN ON MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR FREE ZONE PROJECT. LIKE
ARGENTINA, RECOMMENDED AGENCY PROVIDE TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE FOR LARGE INTEGRATED PROJECTS ON MULTI-
YEAR BASIS.

5. BRAZIL PRESENTED DETAILED ENERGY PROJECTIONS,
INCLUDING NUCLEAR ENERGY PROJECTS FOR FUTURE. GAVE
SPECIAL PRAISE FOR COOPERATION PROVIDED BY U.S.,
FRANCE, AND FRG. WITH RESPECT TO AGENCY ACTIVITIES,
CAUTIONED THAT SAFEGUARDS FUNCTIONS WERE INCREASING
TO A POINT WHERE AGENCY'S CONTROL ACTIVITIES RAN
RISK OF OVERSHADOWING ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES. WANTED
TO GIVE WORD OF WARNING ABOUT RISKS INVOLVED IN THIS
TREND. BRAZIL LAID CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON ASSURANCE
OF NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLIES, SAYING ITS CHOICE OF LIGHT
WATER REACTORS WAS CONDITIONED ON TOTAL ASSURANCE
OF FUEL SUPPLIES. PROPOSED AGENCY COULD PLAY MAJOR
ROLE IN FUEL SUPPLY MATTERS, HELPING TO ASSURE
ADEQUATE QUANTITIES AT REASONABLE PRICES, WITHOUT
POLITICAL OR PROMOTIONAL CONDITIONS.

6. MEXICO GAVE SPECIAL THANKS TO AGENCY FOR ASSISTANCE
IN CONCLUDING LAGUNA VERDE REACTOR AGREEMENTS AND
RELATED SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH U.S. SWEDEN HIGH-
LIGHTED ITS REGRET OF INDIA'S DECISION TO EXPLODE
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A NUCLEAR DEVICE, STATING INDIA COULD CONTRIBUTE
SIGNIFICANTLY TO WORLD STABILITY BY PLACING ALL HER
NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES UNDER IAEA.TAPE

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